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Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Veterans and Military Affairs

Re: Testimony on 2011 Senate Bill 11

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I encourage the committee to approve this legislation. Similar legislation has been passed on seven separate occasions since 1995. I will provide a listing of the past legislation with a copy of my testimony.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Feel free to contact me at (414) 286-3336 for any discussion of this legislation or the TID.

Sincerely,

Joe'Mar Hooper
Legislative Fiscal Manager

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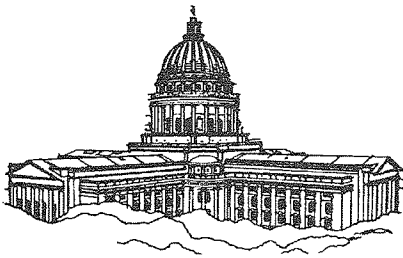
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Senate Bill 11 – Bishop's Creek TID Certification

Testimony of Senator Lena C. Taylor

Committee on Economic Development & Veterans & Military Affairs

Tuesday, February 01, 2011

Honorable Chairman Hopper and members of the committee,

Thank you for holding this public hearing today on Senate Bill 11, a simple bill that will correct errors in the certification of the Bishop's Creek TID in Milwaukee and save Milwaukee property taxpayers 1.27 million dollars.

Milwaukee TIF District #72, also known as "Bishop's Creek TID", was created in 2008 by the City of Milwaukee to provide for redevelopment of the blighted area in and around the Bishop's Creek Redevelopment. According to the City of Milwaukee, this TID is intended to fund up to \$1,585,000 in expenditures for the following:

- Environmental remediation
- New housing development
- Local housing stock renovation and repair

Bishop's Creek TID is in the immediate area surrounding the Holy Redeemer Church of God In Christ complex which houses a church, schools, community center, and a Boys & Girls Club. Part of the redevelopment includes construction of a new school, a hotel, and new housing projects in the area. It is an exciting opportunity to help revitalize and renew this neighborhood in Milwaukee.

Due to a clerical oversight at the City, the Department of Revenue was unable to certify the base value of TID #72. Without that certification, Milwaukee property taxpayers will be on the hook for the 1.27 million dollars of expenditures made from that account. This bill will allow the DOR to certify the base for the TID and the City of Milwaukee to continue with this project. In the years since creating TID legislature, the Legislature has taken a similar action 7 times to correct these errors.

I encourage your support of the bill.

Thank you.